# Boise Police Department Seatbelt Enforcement



#### **Statistics**

- Office of Highway Safety allocated 460 hours to the Boise Police Department
- City of Boise has over 90% seatbelt compliance
- Boise P.D. issued over 1900 seatbelt citations in two weeks of mobilization
- Boise P.D. averaged over 4.1 seatbelt citations per hour per officer

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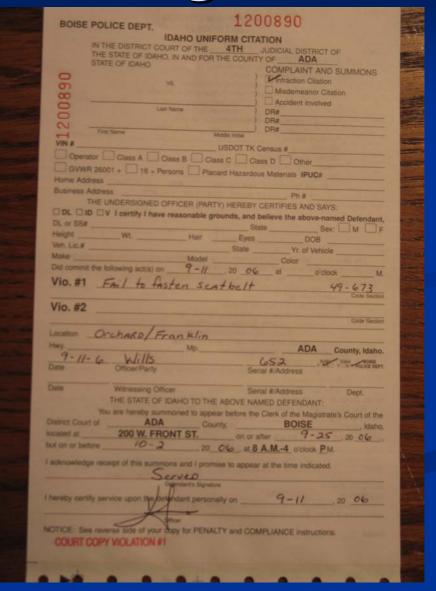
Seatbelt Grant Team:

- 11 Motorcycles
- 7 Night STEP Officers in patrol cars
- 2 CVE Officers in patrol pick-ups

#### **Enforcement Beliefs**

- Remember: 1 MPH over is a violation
- We are targeting specifically seatbelt violations, not worried about writing citations for other violations
- We try to keep time of each contact to just a few minutes
- Utilize healthy competition as part of grant

- 1) Pre-Flight Citations
  - Fill in all available information before doing enforcement to increase speed of traffic stop
  - Avoid spending time
    with dispatch to obtain
    warrant/driving status
  - Example:



- 2) Use 2 person enforcement vehicle
  - Driver looks for primary violation
  - Passenger looks for seatbelt violation
  - Passenger remains in vehicle and fills out citation while driver makes contact with violator
  - Shortens traffic stop by average of 3 minutes per stop

- 3) Work high traffic areas with frequent primary violations
  - Intersections where there are a large number of wide turn violations, signal violations, etc.
  - Streets where speed limit is low, but traffic volume is high

- 4) Work as a team with 3 or 4 other officers
  - One officer acts as a spotter, looking for primary violation, as well as, seatbelt violation
  - Other officers wave vehicles over and issue citations
  - Most effective in high traffic and frequent violation areas

# QUESTIONS?